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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to Office Action, Paper No. 4, mailed from the Patent Office on April 16, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of this Amendment and Response. In the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version (see Attachment A and C) and clean (see Attachments B and D) of the amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.